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AMENDED - LDWF Secretary Robert Barham Authorizes Deer Hunting Season Closure East of U.S. 65 from Arkansas state line to Vidalia, La., Because of Flooding

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Dec. 29, 2015 – Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Secretary Robert Barham will close deer hunting season in a portion of northeast and central Louisiana because of flooding from the Mississippi River.

Beginning Sunday (Jan. 3) at official sunset, deer hunting season will be closed from east of U.S. 65 from the Arkansas state line to north of Vidalia, La., and west of the Louisiana-Mississippi border. The season will resume when flooding recedes and conditions allow.

Parishes affected by this include East Carroll, Madison, Tensas and Concordia. Continued unrestricted hunting under these circumstances poses a potential risk of overharvest of the deer resource and may pose a significant risk to the hunting public because of the increased concentration of hunters in the areas where deer and other wildlife are located.

Barham is acting under authority granted by emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953 of the Administrative Procedure Act and under authority of R.S. 56:115.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is charged with managing and protecting Louisiana's abundant natural resources.

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